

House Resolution No. 4087

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made him a source of inspiration to all those around him; and

Whereas, Bruce Thomas was chosen as a recipient of the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award, a most impressive accolade bestowed upon him by the Missouri Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on June 18, 2005, at Sunset Hills Country Club in St. Louis County, Missouri; and

Whereas, the State Chapter Program of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame started several years ago to recognize people in each state for their years of dedication to the development of leadership and citizenship in young people through the sport of wrestling; and

Whereas, now retired, Bruce Thomas served as Head Wrestling Coach for the Jackson R-II School District from 1982 through 1995, during which time his teams compiled a 105-10-3 dual-match record, including a 52-match winning streak, while capturing eight district titles and five conference titles, along with numerous high state finishes; and

Whereas, Bruce Thomas also served as a wrestling official for many years, which, along with his coaching days, followed a standout career at Southeast Missouri State University, where he won four consecutive titles in the old Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association while never suffering a conference loss; and

Whereas, an inductee into the Missouri State Wrestling Hall of Fame, Bruce Thomas has also enjoyed recognition as a two-time National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II All-American, finishing second and fifth in the National Tournaments; and

Whereas, in addition, Bruce Thomas was a member of the USA National Wrestling Team in 1983 and 1984 and finished third in the Olympic Trials, third in the Pan Am Games Trials, and third in the World Games Trials:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bruce Thomas for his selection to receive the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award and in further wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bruce Thomas.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4087, adopted July 26, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker